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SUBJ: WEIZMAN VISIT: TOO EARLY TO CALL

1. ISRAELI PRESS INTERPRETATION OF THE WEIZMAN VISIT IS
CONTRADICTORY AND INCONCLUSIVE, AND WITH VARYING ACCENTUATION
OF POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE PROGNOSSES. THE DOWNBEAT OFFICIAL
GOE STATEMENTS ARE COUNTERPOINTED BY OPTIMISTIC INTER-
PRETATIONS FROM ISRAELI "SOURCES."

2. CAIRO RADIO IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT NO PROGRESS IS
POSSIBLE UNTIL ISRAELI POSITIONS ON A NUMBER OF KEY ISSUES
ARE REVISED. SADAT, THEREFORE, REJECTS RECONVENING THE
COMMITTEES AT THIS TIME. ISRAELI SOURCES ARE REPORTED,
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HOWEVER, TO BE CONFIDENT THAT THE MEETING ITSELF
AND THE FACT THAT WEIZMAN EXTENDED HIS STAY IN CAIRO
ARE SIGNALS OF A POSSIBLE BREAK IN THE NEGOTIATIONS
STALEMATE. WEIZMAN, SAY THESE SOURCES, IS HOLDING
INTENSIVE AND WIDE RANGING TALKS WITH GAMASY AND
SADAT AND MAY POSSIBLY ACHIEVE A BREAKTHROUGH IN
ARRIVING AT AN AGREEMENT OVER NEGOTIATING GROUND RULES

AND EVEN A COMPROMISE ON 242 INTERPRETATION.

3. INTERESTINGLY THE INDIVIDUAL NEWSPAPERS PLAY UP THESE TWO CONTRADICTORY INTERPRETATIONS IN A VARIETY OF WAYS. THE POST AND MAARIV, WHILE NOTING THE DOUR OFFICIAL STATEMENTS OUT OF CAIRO, PLAY UP THE OPTIMISTIC ISRAELI ASSESSMENTS. DAVAR REPORTING IS UNIFORMLY BLEAK. HAARETZ AND YEDIOT GIVE EACH INTERPRETATION EQUAL BILLING, BUT ONLY YEDIOT EXPLICITLY NOTES THE DISPARITY BETWEEN THE SETS OF REPORTS.

4. EDITORIAL COMMENT IS SPARSE. DAVAR, CONSISTENT WITH ITS PESSIMISTIC REPORTAGE, DECLARES THAT THERE IS LITTLE POINT IN SEARCHING THE TEA LEAVES OF THE WEIZMAN VISIT: THERE CAN BE NO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESS UNLESS THERE IS A SHIFT IN THE GOI POSITION ON THE WEST BANK. JERUSALEM POST, ON THE OTHER HAND, SEES THE WEIZMAN TALKS AS OFFERING (ANOTHER IN A LONG SERIES OF) SIGNS, TESTS, AND OPPORTUNITIES. IT IS A TEST OF PRESIDENT SADAT'S INTENTIONS AND INTEREST IN PEACE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE CLEAR TO MR. SADAT THAT PEACE CAN BE ACHIEVED ONLY THROUGH DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS RATHER THAN ALLOWING "THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO BLUDGEON ISRAEL INTO SUBMITTING TO ALL HIS DEMANDS." THE IMPLICATION, WHICH IS SHARED BY HARIF IN MAARIV, IS THAT WITH A MODICUM OF EGYPTIAN GOOD WILL THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WEIZMAN VISIT CAN OFFER A NEW BEGINNING.
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